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DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. WE CONTINUE TO GET CHANGING SIGNALS REGARDING MRS. MARCOS' PLANS. LATEST, FROM PHIL EMBASSY HERE AND ALSO FROM "KOKOY" ROMUALDEZ THROUGH A RELIABLE SOURCE, IS THAT SHE WILL ARRIVE IN HONOLULU ABOUT 0930 NOVEMBER 7 BY PAL SPECIAL FLIGHT. SHE WILL STAY AT ROYAL HAWAIIAN, MAKE A SPEECH TO SOME LOCAL BODY, AND PROCEED TO LOS ANGELES NOVEMBER 8, AND WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 9. SHE WILL BE AVAIL-
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ABLE IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 9-14, THEREAFTER VISITING

ELSEWHERE IN THE U.S. AND THEN PROCEEDING WITH MEXICAN VISIT. FYI "KOKOY" ADDED THAT MRS. MARCOS HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE PRESIDENT THAT IT WOULD BE "DISHONORABLE" FOR HER TO MAKE THE MEXICAN VISIT PRIOR TO THE MEETINGS WHICH SHE EXPECTS IN THE U.S. END FYI.

2. IMMEDIATE PROBLEM THAT WE SEE IS THAT ANY SUCH SCENARIO WOULD PRESUMABLY BE BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT SHE WILL BE SEEING PRESIDENT FORD, WHEREAS WE HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO INFORM THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT THAT, REGRETFULLY, NEITHER THE PRESIDENT NOR MRS. FORD'S SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT THEM TO RECEIVE MRS. MARCOS. (WE HAVE TODAY SO INFORMED PHIL EMBASSY.)

3. FURTHER COMPLICATION IS THAT SECRET SERVICE IS NOT BEING AUTHORIZED PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR MRS. MARCOS. WE ARE MAKING AN IMMEDIATE AND VIGOROUS RECLAMA ON THIS, POINTING OUT THE CONTROVERSIAL CHARACTER OF THE LADY, AND THE WIDE-SPREAD ANTAGONISM TO THE MARCOS REGIME IN THE PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HERE AS REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL SECURITY COVERAGE. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A PHIL EMBASSY NOTE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTING SECRET SERVICE ASSISTANCE IN HONOLULU AND INDICATING THAT THE PHIL CONGEN THERE HAS ALREADY MADE AN APPROACH ON THIS POINT. FYI PRIVATELY, WE ARE ALSO DRAWING ON PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 7 REFTEL A TO EMPHASIZE THE NATIONAL SECURITY ASPECTS OF ADEQUATE COVERAGE AND ATTENTION DURING HER VISIT HERE. END FYI.

4. MEANWHILE, WE ARE URGENTLY SEEKING COVERAGE BY DEPARTMENT'S SECURITY. FYI DEPARTMENT SECURITY COVERAGE, IF AUTHORIZED, WOULD BE PROVIDED BY FOUR OR FIVE AGENTS, WITH LOCAL POLICE BACKUP, ON A 24-HOUR BASIS. END FYI. SINCE THERE ARE FORMIDABLE COORDINATION PROBLEMS, WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION BY NIACT MESSAGE AS ANY LATE NEWS ON HER PLANS BECOMES AVAILABLE THERE. ASSUME EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY RECEPTION CENTERS IN HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTLY OF HER PLANS AS THESE BECOME FIRM.

5. ARGUELLES, WHO IS HANDLING MRS. MARCOS' VISIT FOR PHIL EMBASSY HERE, JUST CAME IN AND GAVE US SOME DETAILS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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HER PLANS IN ADDITION TO THOSE INDICATED ABOVE. HE INDICATED SHE WOULD BE STAYING AT MADISON HOTEL HERE FROM NOVEMBER 9 TO APPROXIMATELY 13TH, ALTHOUGH HER PLANS MIGHT BE MODIFIED BY PRESIDENT FORD'S INABILITY TO ARRANGE A MEETING. FROM NOVEMBER 13 SHE WOULD BE PRINCIPALLY IN NEW YORK, WHERE THE OPENING OF THE PHILIPPINE CENTER TO THE RESIDENT FILIPINO COMMUNITY WAS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 14 AND THE GENERAL CEREMONIAL OPENING WAS SCHEDULED FOR

NOVEMBER 21. MRS. MARCOS WOULD LEAVE ON MEXICO TRIP
NOVEMBER 23.

6. ALSO, WE HAVE PHIL EMBASSY NOTE REQUESTING CLEARING
AND OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR AIRCRAFT WHICH WILL TRANS-
PORT MRS. MARCOS AND HER PARTY. WE WILL TAKE ACTION ON
THESE REQUESTS. INGERSOLL

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